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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DISTRIBUTION  
WATER MAIN INSTALLATIONS AND WELLS ON RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 19a-37 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (c) [The] Not later than December 1, 2007, the Commissioner of  
5 Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,  
6 to clarify the criteria under which a well permit exception may be  
7 granted and describe the terms and conditions that shall be imposed  
8 when a well is allowed at a premise that is connected to a public water  
9 supply system. Such regulations shall (1) provide for notification of the  
10 permit to the public water supplier, (2) address the quality of the water  
11 supplied from the well, the means and extent to which the well shall  
12 not be interconnected with the public water supply, the need for a  
13 physical separation, and the installation of a reduced pressure device  
14 for backflow prevention, the inspection and testing requirements of  
15 any such reduced pressure device, and (3) identify the extent and

16 frequency of water quality testing required for the well supply.

17 Sec. 2. Section 19a-209a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

19 The director of health of a town, city, or borough or of a district  
20 health department may issue a permit for the installation or  
21 replacement of a water supply well on residential premises that are  
22 located within two hundred feet of an approved community water  
23 supply system, measured along a street, alley or easement, where (1)  
24 the water from the water supply well is only used for irrigation or  
25 other outside use and is not used for human consumption, provided a  
26 reduced pressure device is installed to protect against a cross  
27 connection with the public water supply, (2) the well replaces an  
28 existing well that was used at the premises for domestic purposes, or  
29 (3) the Department of Public Utility Control has ordered the  
30 community water supply system to reduce the demand on its system,  
31 provided (A) no connection exists between the water supply well and  
32 the community water system, and (B) the use of the water supply well  
33 will not affect the purity or adequacy of the supply or service to the  
34 customers of the community water supply system. Any well installed  
35 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be subject to water  
36 quality testing that demonstrates the supply meets the water quality  
37 standards established in section 19a-37 at the time of installation and at  
38 least every ten years thereafter or as requested by the local director of  
39 health. The local director of health shall notify the community water  
40 supply system of any well permit application received pursuant to this  
41 section.

42 Sec. 3. Section 25-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

44 (a) On or before January first, annually, each water company shall  
45 file with the Department of Public Health, in such form as the  
46 Commissioner of Public Health shall prescribe, a written statement  
47 containing the following information: (1) The business name and

48 address of the water company; (2) the name and residence address of  
49 the proprietor thereof or, if a partnership, the name and residence  
50 address of each partner or, if an association or corporation, the name  
51 and residence address of each officer and director; (3) the number and  
52 types of its consumers and a description of the area which the  
53 company serves; (4) an identification and description of its source of  
54 water supply; [ ] and (5) such other information as the Commissioner  
55 of Public Health may require.

56 (b) No system of water supply owned or used by a water company  
57 shall be constructed or expanded or a new additional source of water  
58 supply utilized until the plans therefor have been submitted to and  
59 approved by said department, except that no such prior review or  
60 approval is required for distribution water main installations. In  
61 reviewing any proposed new source of water supply, the department  
62 shall consider the proposed water supply's anticipated effect on nearby  
63 water supply systems including public and private wells. Said  
64 department shall consult with and advise any water company as to  
65 proposed sources of water supply and methods of assuring their  
66 purity and adequacy. For purposes of this subsection and subsection  
67 (c) of this section, "distribution water main installations" means  
68 installations, extensions, replacements or repairs of public water  
69 supply system mains from which water is or will be delivered to one  
70 or more service connections and which do not require construction or  
71 expansion of pumping stations, storage facilities, treatment facilities or  
72 sources of supply.

73 (c) Each water company shall report to the Department of Public  
74 Health on a monthly basis the number and location of all new  
75 distribution water main installations.

76 [(c)] (d) Each petition to the General Assembly for authority to  
77 develop or introduce any system of public water supply shall be  
78 accompanied by a copy of the recommendation and advice of said  
79 department thereon.

80        [(d)] (e) Each water company shall maintain (1) a list of the names  
81        and addresses of its customers, and (2) the results of water purity tests  
82        conducted under this chapter. Such list and results shall be retained for  
83        a period of three years and be available for inspection and copying by  
84        the Department of Public Health and municipal and district health  
85        departments, for the purpose of public health investigations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	19a-37(c)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	19a-209a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	25-33

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***Statement of Purpose:***

To remove distribution water main installations from the Department of Public Health's review and approval process, and to protect the public health by ensuring that the quality of public water supplies is not compromised by contaminated wells.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*